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1	28-Apr-20	Hanli Viljoen	Cape Dry Montagu Bistro/Farmstall		ongelukigheid uitspreek oor die voorgestelde verhogings in tariewe vir onder meer, eiendoms belasting, water en vaste afval asook sanitasie . ons as restaurant die afgelope tyd gesluit onder die Covid 19 regulasies. Ons sal ook vir die voorsienbare toekoms gesluit bly tot en met die tyd dat ons President aankondig dat ons besigheid se deure weer mag oop gaan. Selfs n drastiese vermindering in voete sal wees wat ons besoek. beoog ons nie om personeel te laat gaan behalwe as dit uiters noodsaaklik sou raak nie. Hierdie verhoging in tariewe sou egter so uiteinde nader eerder as verder bring . Selfs voor die Covid 19 inperkings tydperk aangekondig was het ons reeds n afname in besoekers beleef met Agri Toerisme wat lei onder die voortslepende droogte. Die swak ekonomiese situasie het ook daartoe gelei dat besoekers minder kapitaal het om te spandeer by ons. Ons glo nie dat dit in ons dorp se beste belang is om die tariewe in hierdie tyd te lig soos voorgestel nie .	Tariffs
2	28-Apr-20	Annette Reynolds	Wine Boutique Montagu		In the months leading up to the lockdown we have also experienced a slow down in sales as the average consumer has been forced to spend less on non essential items due to a flat national economy. The drop in Agri tourism has also had a negative effect as the persistent drought has taken its toll on this line of business. Per our understanding there is a proposed raise in tariffs for Property tax, tariffs for refuse removal (despite a unprecedented drop in fuel prices) and the block tariffs for water. We would hereby like to raise our objection to this as we do not believe this to be sustainable for many businesses in our town including our own.	Tariffs
3	21-Apr-20	Mark Barnard	ASHTON CANNING CO. (PTY) LTD		I strongly disagree with the proposed tariff increases of 8% on property rates, water and refuse removal, as well as the proposed 7% increase on sanitation. My opinion is based on the following: • The official South African inflation rate over the last 5 years has consistently been below 6% per annum (in some years significantly less). Although public sector salaries & wages may have increased more than inflation over this period, it is probably true to say that private sector salaries & wages more or less followed the inflationary trend. Needless to say that any municipal tariff increases of more than the inflation rate will result in less disposable income, less expenditure, and therefore a slowdown in the local economy. • The South African economy, prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, has already entered recessionary territory - Excessively increasing municipal tariffs will only serve to exacerbate the current situation and contribute to the negative economic outlook. • As is quite rightly pointed out in the draft budget, we are midst in an unprecedented global situation as far as the Covid-19 pandemic is concerned. Make no mistake, this pandemic will undoubtedly lead to many business closures and significant job losses. We are not immune to this – this will also happen in the Langeberg Municipal region. What better way to assist/reach people (of all walks of life) during this situation than by keeping municipal tariff rates unchanged, or perhaps only marginally increasing it? What is the point in significantly increasing tariff rates when you know that many people and businesses will not be able to keep up with payments?? Our country, including the Langeberg Municipal region, is in a dire economic situation. Now is not the time to impose excessive tariff increases and, in my humble opinion, the proposed tariff increases in the draft 2020-2021 budget are excessive.	Tariffs
4	16-Apr-20	Gary Ponting	Petal's Place Guest House		I am perturbed to note that your proposed tariff increases are almost double that of the current inflation rate. This I find unacceptable and totally out of line, not to mention irresponsible . The South African economy is in turmoil, small business is floundering to the point of collapse and the municipality sees fit to ask for a ludicrous double inflation increase. Treasury have decreased the REPO rate to try and assist with boosting the SMME's and national economy. Why have your council not followed this example and based your increases on the very least inflation when it should actually consider a zero increase, especially with the extension of lock down. Where exactly do you suggest homeowners find an additional 8.5%? You need to re look your budget and find ways to cut costs the same as the rest of the South African population has to do. Below is an extract of the current REPO rate to assist you in your re think. Should you require, I can in addition submit news reports on the state of the economy and the extent of the recession and Moodys downgrade to Junk Status, please advise if this will be required. "The SARB sees inflation averaging 4.7% in 2020 and 4.6% in 2021. Focus Economics Consensus Forecast panellists see inflation averaging 4.6% in 2020, which is unchanged from last month's estimate, and 4.8% in 2021."	Tariffs
5	29-Apr-20	Kowie Smit	Bonnievale CCC		From the draft budget there is no indication that any money is budgeted for safety, or other capital projects in rural or urban areas . 1. What amount of money is set aside for capital investment in safety and security? 2. What amount of money is set aside for operational costs of safety and security? 3. How will monies be allocated to the different pillars of the Rural Protection Plan? (R.P.P.) 4. What reserve fund is available or set aside for safety and security contingencies? 5. What money is budgeted for emergency and disaster relief? 6. What provision was made for the implementation of training for the implementation of the R.P.P? 7. What additional personnel will be appointed and seconded to rural safety. 8. What amount of money is budgeted to secure the safety and security of the urban and rural work force and how will it be allocated? Most of our members are at the source of the food value chain. These members are currently taxed on agricultural land. The capital investment in rural areas has a direct impact on safety and security of rural areas. 1. What amount of money is budgeted for other capital investments in rural areas? 2. How will it be allocated?	Capital / Operational
6	28-Apr-20	Hansie Wolfaardt	Bonnievale Sakekamer		1. Capital expenditures 2. Expenses Why this increase of R47.6m from 2018/19? 3. Income:ls the revenue collection budget of 96% a true reflection if actuals range between 56 – 80%? 4. Cash flow: (in the back of the book with no page no) R71 million decrease in cash flow plus R10 million loan @ 11.95%. 5. Revenue tariff increase: Although inflation for 2019 was 4.38% and currently 5.2% for 2020 the increase for tariff and rates are all above this inflation indicators. Why are the increases higher than the expected inflation and why is the increase in electricity lower than the rest? 7. IDP inputs and Top 5 Priorities for 2020 – 2021: (See IDP detail) 7.1 Although the five IDP priority inputs, submitted by Bonnievale Sakekamer are recorded in your IDP inputs, not one of those five is incorporate in your IDP top 5 priorities. 8. Performance bonuses: A large amount of money is spend on performance bonuses which is not in principles a bad thing but there must be clear KPIs which will drive performance if people are rated against the KPI results.What are the KPI/s the performance bonus is linked to? 9. Safety is and will become an even bigger problem on farms as well as in the business centres and households. Are there any projects and money budgeted for to reduce risk?	Budget / Tariffs / IDP / Operational
7	30-Apr-20	Frikkie Joubert	Frikkie Joubert		Daar is weereens gefokus op salarisse,terwyl weinig aan kapitaalprojekte.Op grond waarvan is 16 Raadslede se vergoeding met 17.1% verhoog?Watter bedrag is spandeer aan skootrekenaars wat onlangs aan Raadslede bestee en wat het van die oues geword?Hoeveel amptenare is tans geskors met volle salaris en wat is die bedrag wat die afgelope jaar hieraan betee is? Daar is geen samewerking tussen die verskillende departemente nie,veral nie met die departement van finansies wat as gevolg hiervan R 120 000 se waterrekening moes afskryf. Hoe moet n nuut aangestelde meterleser weet waar n meter sit as dit toe is van die grond	Complaint / tariffs

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8	27-Apr-20	Phillip du Toit	Robertson Landbou-vereniging		<p>Ek teken dus met hierdie skrywe beswaar aan teen die beoogde verhoging van 8%(werklik 7.69%) belasting van Landbougronde(b0na fide landbou eiendom) namens die grootendeels Robertson-Ashton landbou gemeenskap.</p> <p>Graag sal ons meer inligting wil bekom oor hoekom dit meer as die afgelope paar jare se verhoging is en dan ook hoekom daar nie na die grondwet van munisipaliteit se eie belastingbeleid riglyn vir die skrywe gaan dus oor hoekom die verhoging meer is as die van die beleid, asook verduidelik op watter gronde belasting met 7.69% wil verhoog word, terwyl die inflasiekoers heelwat laer is.</p> <p>Die landbou gaan huidiglik onder geweldige druk weens: droogte(swakker oeste, kwaliteit), swak Rand, algehele swak Suid-Afrikaanse ekonomie, elektrisiteits verhogings, Covid-19, uitvoer beperkinge, finansiële las weens laer inkomstellaat uitbetalings, oudit vereistes, arbeids wetgewing asook die konstante onsekerheid van grondonteiening sonder vergoeding.</p>	Die rede
9	25-Feb-20	Stalletjie houers Bonnievale	Stalletjie houers Bonnievale		Die rede vir ons versoek is dat die tariewe te hoog is sodoende kan ons nie eintlik 'n bestaan voer as smouse in Bonnievale nie. Vote is belangrik vir ons voortbestaan maar ongelukkig gaan alle gelde na Robertson en omliggende dorpe wat meebring dat ons verkope baie laag is. Ons is bereid willig om R200 pm te betaal wat 'n leefbare tarief is in 'n dorp soos Bonnievale.	Tariffs
10	18-Apr-20	Ernie Oosthuizen	Consumer		<p>I hereby would like to lodge my objection at the proposed tariff increases of the budget proposals .</p> <p>The proposal is to increase water tariffs by 8 %.</p> <p>This is not acceptable.</p> <p>As per notes on the financial statements 30 June 2019 - under point 55.10 – the unaccountable waste on water increased by 1,47 % from 14.47% to 15.95 %. In monetary terms , a loss of almost R 600000 !</p> <p>The acceptable level would be nearer to 12 %</p> <p>This underlines the inefficiency in this department whom should have controlled this wastage.</p> <p>To expect of the tax payer to refund this, is not acceptable.</p> <p>My proposal would be an increase of 5% and a subsequent focused effort to cut down on water units lost.</p>	Tariffs
11	21-Apr-20	Ruhan Neethling	Montagu Snacks		<p>I firmly believe that given the currently economical and social environment in South Africa and more specifically the Langeberg area, where the record draught has also had a significant impact on us, that the suggested increase is too high. I add the following arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary increase has been set at 6.25%. • Inflation rates has been below 5% for some time. • The ZAR weakness has placed further strain on already difficult trading conditions. • The draught has had a very significant impact on the community. • The impact from COVID-19 and the national lockdown has not yet been quantified, but expectation are very dire. <p>I therefore kindly request that you consider an hold on increases or at least reduced increases more in line with CPI to assist the community to recover from these dire circumstances we are currently experiencing.</p>	Tariffs
12	21-Apr-20	Martin Reynolds	Consumer		<p>I would like to formally raise my disapproval of the proposed increase in Property Tax, Tariffs for refuse removal and the block tariffs for water.</p> <p>Our town is currently going through a unprecedented Economic slump. Montagu relies on two main sources of revenue namely tourism and agriculture.</p> <p>The tourism industry has all but come to a dead halt on account of governments lockdown regulations in combating the spread of Covid 19. Most small enterprises in our town rely on tourism for at least a part of their income on an annual basis. These already strained businesses will no doubt suffer further under the proposed increases and the closure of them will contribute to further job losses in our community. Further to this there is currently no indication that tourism will pick up after the lockdown has been lifted.</p> <p>The agricultural sector has been suffering through one of the longest droughts in recent memory and the rampant spread of Covid 19 as well as the associated consequences could not have come at a worse time. Many agricultural entities also rely on tourism as a additional income stream. The already mentioned has meant that this will no longer be available to carry agricultural institutions through this drought. The lockdown has amplified the problems already faced by farms with a simple example being that the cost of staff transport has in many cases doubled as staff are transported to correct Lockdown requirements.</p> <p>~t is certainly not in the towns best interest to raise our tariffs as proposed.</p>	Tariffs
13	22-Apr-20	Pieter Conradie	Sentrale Slaghuis Montagu		<p>Ek is van mening dat die raad die beoogde verhogings moet hersien en skrap.</p> <p>Dit is verregaande dat die raad 'n 6.5% salarisverhoging aan amptenare en personeel oorweeg, terwyl ons besighede en boere personeel moet afdank en ook geen salaris- en loonverhogings kan bekostig nie.</p> <p>Ons sukkel almal reeds om kop bo water te hou. Daar gaan verseker besighede in ons dorp hulle deure moet sluit.</p> <p>Ek vertrou die raad sal al die faktore in ag neem.</p>	Operational
14	22-Apr-20	Burger Conradie	Cape Dried Fruit Packers (Pty) Ltd Montagu		<p>With all due respect I believe that you have not taken into account the current situation that we as the biggest work provider in Montagu as well as all the other businesses are facing at the moment.</p> <p>Please revise this proposed tariff hikes in light of the above. We are managing to keep the boat afloat, please don't let the municipal prices be the reason for us to reconsider our options and retrench staff due to these irresponsible price hikes.</p>	Tariffs
15	22-Apr-20	Dr. Johannes Ries	NG Kerk Montagu		<p>Beswaar: 1. Eiendomsbelasting: Beoog 8% verhoging. Voorstel: 1. Verlaag die tarief op residensieel en besighede na VPI - tans 4,5% 2. Hou die tarief op plaaseiendomme onveranderd. Dit sal 'n minimale verskil oorhoofs beteken op die totale eiendomsbelastinginkomste, wat 7,94% van die begroote inkomste uitmaak. Beswaar: 2.Water: Beoog 8% verhoging. Voorstel: 1. Hou verhoging in lyn met VPI - tans 4,5%.</p> <p>Beswaar: 3. Vullisverwydering en sanitasie : Beoog 8% verhoging. Voorstel: 1. As gevolg van die laer prys van brandstof - 5% verhoging.</p>	Tariffs

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					<p>☒ Ten spyte van ‘n heersende verbruikersprysindeks (VPI) van 4-5% en ‘n geproekteerde MTREF-vooruitskatting van 4.9%, word voorsiening gemaak deur die Langeberg Munisipalitei vir die verhoging van tariewe met 8% ten opsigte van inkomstebelasting, vullisverwydering en water, 7 % ten opsigte van riooldienste en 6.5% ten opsigte van elektrisiteit. Met uitsondering van die verhoging van elektrisiteit wat nasionaal bepaal en afdwingbaar is, word die ander tariewe plaaslik bepaal en het die munisipaliteit die bevoegheid om rasioneel daaroor te besluit. Die huidige voorgestelde tariefverhogings is egter totaal irrasioneel, en geen oorweging word verleen aan die heersende ekonomiese klimaat, droogte toestande of die gevolge vn die Covid-19 pandemie nie. Die betrokke tariewe se verhoging sal in totaliteit herroep moet word, en slegs indien absoluut noodsaaklik verhoog word, en dan in lyn met die verbruikerprysindeks.</p> <p>☒ ‘n Voorgestelde kapitaalbegroting van R90.9 miljoen beoog word. Sodanige uitgawes word as onrealisties beskou, gegewe die huidige ekonomiese situasie.</p> <p>☒ Ruim voorsiening word gemaak vir salarisverhogings en prestasiebonusse (vir senior personeel). Sodanige uitgawes word as onrealisties beskou, gegewe die huidige ekonomiese situasie.</p> <p>U word dringend versoek om die voorgestelde konsepbegroting te heroorweeg. Ons as inwoners van Langeberg benodig nou ‘n mensgesentreerde benadering van ons plaaslike regering om volhoubaarheid te verseker en toekomstige ekonomiese herstel te fasiliteer.</p>	
16	22-Apr-20	Nico Nel	NG Ashton Gemeente			Budget / Tariffs